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(57) Abstract			
<p>This invention relates to an isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding a cellulose synthase. The invention also relates to the construction of a chimeric gene encoding all or a portion of the cellulose synthase, in sense or antisense orientation, wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of altered levels of the cellulose synthase in a transformed host cell.</p>			
<pre>SEQ ID NO:2 1 SEQ ID NO:4 RAAQAQRNKGKQPFEQKLASVSLP--LPHSRFTPTPPRRYRR--RTHACPG--I SEQ ID NO:6 HSSYTKSRSSLAQPRAPROAQPFP--ATAACACERSAPAGDQRRGLRAFRCAAAAGTV SEQ ID NO:8 RCS--RMTCSPPPTPTSRASPRATP SEQ ID NO:10 SEQ ID NO:12 SEQ ID NO:14 SEQ ID NO:16 SEQ ID NO:18 SEQ ID NO:20 SEQ ID NO:22 SEQ ID NO:23 MNTGGR SEQ ID NO:24 SEQ ID NO:25 SEQ ID NO:26 MASTPPQTSKRVNNSGSGQTVKTAARTSSGRYVSL--RDNIELSGELSGDYSHTVHP SEQ ID NO:27 SEQ ID NO:28 SEQ ID NO:29 R--PR  61 120 SEQ ID NO:2 W-RSGSARG--ME-ASAGLVAGSHNRNELV-VIRRDGPQPKP--NDORHGVCQI-- SEQ ID NO:4 SEQ ID NO:6 KERRDPAGRGGQFENE-ASAGLVAGSHNRNELV-VIRRDREBGAAGGAARAAEAPCOI-- SEQ ID NO:8 --ME-ASAGLVAGSHNRNELV-VIRADGDPQPKP--PREQHGVCQI-- SEQ ID NO:10 SEQ ID NO:12 --ME-ASAGLVAGSHNRNELV-VIRHNEEP--KA--LIONLOGVCIEI-- SEQ ID NO:14 SEQ ID NO:16 SEQ ID NO:18 SEQ ID NO:20 SEQ ID NO:22 --ME-ASAGLVAGSYRRNELV-RIRRESGGGTPK--LORNGQTCQI-- SEQ ID NO:23 --LIAGSHNRNEFV-LI--NADENARIRSVQELSGQTCQI-- SEQ ID NO:24 SEQ ID NO:25 PTFUNQPMATKAEQYVMSLFTGGFHSVTRHMLADKVIDSDVTHPQAGAGSSCAMPA SEQ ID NO:26 --ME-ASAGLVAGSHNRNELV-VIRHNEEP--KP--LIONLOGVCIEI-- SEQ ID NO:27 SEQ ID NO:28 SEQ ID NO:29 --LIAGSHNRNEFV-LI--NADENARIRSVQELSGQTCQI--  121 180 SEQ ID NO:2 CGDDVGRNPGGEFFVACNECAFFICRDCYEYERREGTQNCPCQKTRFKRLAGCARVGGD- SEQ ID NO:4 SEQ ID NO:6 CGDEVGVGPGGEFFVACNECAFFVCRACYEYERREGGQACPCQKTRFKRLAGCARVAGD- SEQ ID NO:8 CGDDVGLAPGGEFFVACNECAFFVCRDCYEYERREGTQNCPCQKTRFKRLAGCARVGGD- SEQ ID NO:10 --CFY- SEQ ID NO:12 CGDDVGLTVGGDLFVACNEGQFFVCRPCYEYERREGSHLCPQKTRFKRLAGSPRVGGD- SEQ ID NO:14 SEQ ID NO:16 SEQ ID NO:18 SEQ ID NO:20 SEQ ID NO:22 CGDDVGLAETGDDVAVACNECAFFVCRPCYEYERKDGTCPCQKTRFKRLAGSPRVGGD- SEQ ID NO:23 CODEIKLTVSSSEFFVACNECAFFVCRPCYEYERREGGQACPCQKTRFKRLAGSPRVGGD- SEQ ID NO:24 SEQ ID NO:25 CGDNVHDERGKDVMP-ECRFKICRDCYHDAQKE--TGLCPGCKEQYK- SEQ ID NO:26</pre>			

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TITLE

## PLANT CELLULOSE SYNTHASES

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/092,844, filed July 14, 1998.

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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention is in the field of plant molecular biology. More specifically, this invention pertains to nucleic acid fragments encoding cellulose biosynthetic enzymes in plants and seeds.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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Cellulose is a major component of plant fiber, e.g. cotton fiber. Cellulose is composed of crystalline beta-1,4-glucan microfibrils (see World Patent Publication No. WO 98/00549). These microfibrils are strong and can resist enzymatic and mechanical degradation and are important in determining nutritional quality of animal and human foodstuffs. Hence, modification of the biosynthetic pathway responsible for cellulose synthesis through modification of cellulose synthase activity could potentially alter fiber quantity, either by producing more or less fiber in a particular plant species or in a specific organ or tissue of a particular plant. Modification of cellulose synthase activity could increase the value of the fiber to the end-user and may improve the structural integrity of the plant cell wall. Lastly, because cellulose is a major cell wall component, inhibition of cellulose synthesis would probably be lethal. Thus, cellulose synthase may serve as the target for a novel class of herbicides. Plant cellulose synthase genes, homologs of the bacterial celA genes encoding the catalytic subunit of cellulose synthase, have been reported from cotton, *Arabidopsis*, rice and alfalfa (World Patent Publication Nos. WO 98/00549 and WO 98/18949).

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There is a great deal of interest in identifying the genes that encode proteins involved in cellulose synthesis. These genes may be used in plant cells to control the synthesis of cellulose. Accordingly, the availability of nucleic acid sequences encoding all or a portion of a cellulose synthase would facilitate studies to better understand cellulose synthesis in plants and provide genetic tools to alter cellulose production.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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The instant invention relates to isolated nucleic acid fragments encoding cellulose biosynthesis enzymes. Specifically, this invention concerns an isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding a cellulose synthase and an isolated nucleic acid fragment that is substantially similar to an isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding a cellulose synthase. In addition, this invention relates to a nucleic acid fragment that is complementary to the nucleic acid fragment encoding cellulose synthase. An additional embodiment of the instant invention pertains to a polypeptide encoding all or a substantial portion of a cellulose synthase.

In another embodiment, the instant invention relates to a chimeric gene encoding a cellulose synthase, or to a chimeric gene that comprises a nucleic acid fragment that is complementary to a nucleic acid fragment encoding a cellulose synthase, operably linked to suitable regulatory sequences, wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of levels of the encoded protein in a transformed host cell that is altered (i.e., increased or decreased) from the level produced in an untransformed host cell.

In a further embodiment, the instant invention concerns a transformed host cell comprising in its genome a chimeric gene encoding a cellulose synthase, operably linked to suitable regulatory sequences. Expression of the chimeric gene results in production of altered levels of the encoded protein in the transformed host cell. The transformed host cell can be of eukaryotic or prokaryotic origin, and include cells derived from higher plants and microorganisms. The invention also includes transformed plants that arise from transformed host cells of higher plants, and seeds derived from such transformed plants.

An additional embodiment of the instant invention concerns a method of altering the level of expression of a cellulose synthase in a transformed host cell comprising:  
a) transforming a host cell with a chimeric gene comprising a nucleic acid fragment encoding a cellulose synthase; and b) growing the transformed host cell under conditions that are suitable for expression of the chimeric gene wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of altered levels of cellulose synthase in the transformed host cell.

An addition embodiment of the instant invention concerns a method for obtaining a nucleic acid fragment encoding all or a substantial portion of an amino acid sequence encoding a cellulose synthase.

A further embodiment of the instant invention is a method for evaluating at least one compound for its ability to inhibit the activity of a cellulose synthase, the method comprising the steps of: (a) transforming a host cell with a chimeric gene comprising a nucleic acid fragment encoding a cellulose synthase, operably linked to suitable regulatory sequences; (b) growing the transformed host cell under conditions that are suitable for expression of the chimeric gene wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of cellulose synthase in the transformed host cell; (c) optionally purifying the cellulose synthase expressed by the transformed host cell; (d) treating the cellulose synthase with a compound to be tested; and (e) comparing the activity of the cellulose synthase that has been treated with a test compound to the activity of an untreated cellulose synthase, thereby selecting compounds with potential for inhibitory activity.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS AND SEQUENCE DESCRIPTIONS

The invention can be more fully understood from the following detailed description and the accompanying drawings and Sequence Listing which form a part of this application.

Figure 1 shows a comparison of the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs:2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22 and the *Arabidopsis thaliana* sequences (SEQ ID NOs:23 (gi 2827139), 24 (gi 2827141), 26 (gi 4467125), 27 (gi 4886756) and 29 (gi 3135611)) and *Gossypium hirsutum* sequences (SEQ ID NOs:25 (gi 1706958) and 28 (gi 5081779)).

- 5 Table 1 lists the polypeptides that are described herein, the designation of the cDNA clones that comprise the nucleic acid fragments encoding polypeptides representing all or a substantial portion of these polypeptides, and the corresponding identifier (SEQ ID NO:) as used in the attached Sequence Listing. The sequence descriptions and Sequence Listing attached hereto comply with the rules governing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence
- 10 disclosures in patent applications as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.821-1.825.

TABLE 1  
Cellulose Biosynthetic Enzymes

Protein	Clone Designation	SEQ ID NO:	
		(Nucleotide)	(Amino Acid)
Cellulose Synthase	bsh1.pk0002.f6	1	2
Cellulose Synthase	Contig composed of: cco1n.pk0005.g3 cdt2c.pk002.g1 cdt2c.pk002.l16 csc1c.pk002.i1 p0031.ccmr05rb p0110.cgsma57r	3	4
Cellulose Synthase	cr1n.pk0135.e10	5	6
Cellulose Synthase	p0097.cqrad17rc	7	8
Cellulose Synthase	p0122.ckamh70rc	9	10
Cellulose Synthase	rlr24.pk0073.g1	11	12
Cellulose Synthase	sdp2c.pk005.o22	13	14
Cellulose Synthase	ses8w.pk0028.f3	15	16
Cellulose Synthase	ssl.pk0036.c10	17	18
Cellulose Synthase	Contig composed of: wl1.pk0009.c9 wr1.pk0160.d11 wre1n.pk0043.f9 wre1n.pk0043.h8 wre1n.pk0131.g10	19	20
Cellulose Synthase	wl1n.pk0044.b1	21	22

- 15 The Sequence Listing contains the one letter code for nucleotide sequence characters and the three letter codes for amino acids as defined in conformity with the IUPAC-IUBMB standards described in *Nucleic Acids Research* 13:3021-3030 (1985) and in the *Biochemical Journal* 219 (No. 2):345-373 (1984) which are herein incorporated by reference. The

symbols and format used for nucleotide and amino acid sequence data comply with the rules set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.822.

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In the context of this disclosure, a number of terms shall be utilized. As used herein, a  
5 “nucleic acid fragment” is a polymer of RNA or DNA that is single- or double-stranded, optionally containing synthetic, non-natural or altered nucleotide bases. A nucleic acid fragment in the form of a polymer of DNA may be comprised of one or more segments of cDNA, genomic DNA or synthetic DNA.

As used herein, “contig” refers to a nucleotide sequence that is assembled from two or  
10 more constituent nucleotide sequences that share common or overlapping regions of sequence homology. For example, the nucleotide sequences of two or more nucleic acid fragments can be compared and aligned in order to identify common or overlapping sequences. Where common or overlapping sequences exist between two or more nucleic acid fragments, the sequences (and thus their corresponding nucleic acid fragments) can be  
15 assembled into a single contiguous nucleotide sequence.

As used herein, “substantially similar” refers to nucleic acid fragments wherein changes in one or more nucleotide bases results in substitution of one or more amino acids, but do not affect the functional properties of the polypeptide encoded by the nucleotide sequence. “Substantially similar” also refers to nucleic acid fragments wherein changes in  
20 one or more nucleotide bases does not affect the ability of the nucleic acid fragment to mediate alteration of gene expression by gene silencing through for example antisense or co-suppression technology. “Substantially similar” also refers to modifications of the nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention such as deletion or insertion of one or more nucleotides that do not substantially affect the functional properties of the resulting  
25 transcript vis-à-vis the ability to mediate gene silencing or alteration of the functional properties of the resulting protein molecule. It is therefore understood that the invention encompasses more than the specific exemplary nucleotide or amino acid sequences and includes functional equivalents thereof.

For example, it is well known in the art that antisense suppression and co-suppression  
30 of gene expression may be accomplished using nucleic acid fragments representing less than the entire coding region of a gene, and by nucleic acid fragments that do not share 100% sequence identity with the gene to be suppressed. Moreover, alterations in a nucleic acid fragment which result in the production of a chemically equivalent amino acid at a given site, but do not effect the functional properties of the encoded polypeptide, are well known in  
35 the art. Thus, a codon for the amino acid alanine, a hydrophobic amino acid, may be substituted by a codon encoding another less hydrophobic residue, such as glycine, or a more hydrophobic residue, such as valine, leucine, or isoleucine. Similarly, changes which result in substitution of one negatively charged residue for another, such as aspartic acid for

glutamic acid, or one positively charged residue for another, such as lysine for arginine, can also be expected to produce a functionally equivalent product. Nucleotide changes which result in alteration of the N-terminal and C-terminal portions of the polypeptide molecule would also not be expected to alter the activity of the polypeptide. Each of the proposed  
5 modifications is well within the routine skill in the art, as is determination of retention of biological activity of the encoded products.

Moreover, substantially similar nucleic acid fragments may also be characterized by their ability to hybridize, under stringent conditions (0.1X SSC, 0.1% SDS, 65°C), with the nucleic acid fragments disclosed herein.

10 Substantially similar nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention may also be characterized by the percent identity of the amino acid sequences that they encode to the amino acid sequences disclosed herein, as determined by algorithms commonly employed by those skilled in this art. Preferred are those nucleic acid fragments whose nucleotide  
15 sequences encode amino acid sequences that are 80% identical to the amino acid sequences reported herein. More preferred nucleic acid fragments encode amino acid sequences that are 90% identical to the amino acid sequences reported herein. Most preferred are nucleic acid fragments that encode amino acid sequences that are 95% identical to the amino acid sequences reported herein. Sequence alignments and percent identity calculations were performed using the Megalign program of the LASARGENE bioinformatics computing suite  
20 (DNASTAR Inc., Madison, WI). Multiple alignment of the sequences was performed using the Clustal method of alignment (Higgins and Sharp (1989) *CABIOS*. 5:151-153) with the default parameters (GAP PENALTY=10, GAP LENGTH PENALTY=10). Default parameters for pairwise alignments using the Clustal method were KTUPLE 1, GAP PENALTY=3, WINDOW=5 and DIAGONALS SAVED=5.

25 A "substantial portion" of an amino acid or nucleotide sequence comprises an amino acid or a nucleotide sequence that is sufficient to afford putative identification of the protein or gene that the amino acid or nucleotide sequence comprises. Amino acid and nucleotide sequences can be evaluated either manually by one skilled in the art, or by using computer-based sequence comparison and identification tools that employ algorithms such as BLAST  
30 (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool; Altschul et al. (1993) *J. Mol. Biol.* 215:403-410; see also [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/)). In general, a sequence of ten or more contiguous amino acids or thirty or more contiguous nucleotides is necessary in order to putatively identify a polypeptide or nucleic acid sequence as homologous to a known protein or gene. Moreover, with respect to nucleotide sequences, gene-specific oligonucleotide probes  
35 comprising 30 or more contiguous nucleotides may be used in sequence-dependent methods of gene identification (e.g., Southern hybridization) and isolation (e.g., *in situ* hybridization of bacterial colonies or bacteriophage plaques). In addition, short oligonucleotides of 12 or more nucleotides may be used as amplification primers in PCR in order to obtain a particular

nucleic acid fragment comprising the primers. Accordingly, a "substantial portion" of a nucleotide sequence comprises a nucleotide sequence that will afford specific identification and/or isolation of a nucleic acid fragment comprising the sequence. The instant specification teaches amino acid and nucleotide sequences encoding polypeptides that  
5 comprise one or more particular plant proteins. The skilled artisan, having the benefit of the sequences as reported herein, may now use all or a substantial portion of the disclosed sequences for purposes known to those skilled in this art. Accordingly, the instant invention comprises the complete sequences as reported in the accompanying Sequence Listing, as well as substantial portions of those sequences as defined above.

10 "Codon degeneracy" refers to divergence in the genetic code permitting variation of the nucleotide sequence without effecting the amino acid sequence of an encoded polypeptide. Accordingly, the instant invention relates to any nucleic acid fragment comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes all or a substantial portion of the amino acid sequences set forth herein. The skilled artisan is well aware of the "codon-bias" exhibited  
15 by a specific host cell in usage of nucleotide codons to specify a given amino acid. Therefore, when synthesizing a nucleic acid fragment for improved expression in a host cell, it is desirable to design the nucleic acid fragment such that its frequency of codon usage approaches the frequency of preferred codon usage of the host cell.

"Synthetic nucleic acid fragments" can be assembled from oligonucleotide building  
20 blocks that are chemically synthesized using procedures known to those skilled in the art. These building blocks are ligated and annealed to form larger nucleic acid fragments which may then be enzymatically assembled to construct the entire desired nucleic acid fragment. "Chemically synthesized", as related to nucleic acid fragment, means that the component nucleotides were assembled *in vitro*. Manual chemical synthesis of nucleic acid fragments  
25 may be accomplished using well established procedures, or automated chemical synthesis can be performed using one of a number of commercially available machines. Accordingly, the nucleic acid fragments can be tailored for optimal gene expression based on optimization of nucleotide sequence to reflect the codon bias of the host cell. The skilled artisan appreciates the likelihood of successful gene expression if codon usage is biased towards  
30 those codons favored by the host. Determination of preferred codons can be based on a survey of genes derived from the host cell where sequence information is available.

"Gene" refers to a nucleic acid fragment that expresses a specific protein, including regulatory sequences preceding (5' non-coding sequences) and following (3' non-coding sequences) the coding sequence. "Native gene" refers to a gene as found in nature with its  
35 own regulatory sequences. "Chimeric gene" refers any gene that is not a native gene, comprising regulatory and coding sequences that are not found together in nature. Accordingly, a chimeric gene may comprise regulatory sequences and coding sequences that are derived from different sources, or regulatory sequences and coding sequences derived



from the same source, but arranged in a manner different than that found in nature.

"Endogenous gene" refers to a native gene in its natural location in the genome of an organism. A "foreign" gene refers to a gene not normally found in the host organism, but that is introduced into the host organism by gene transfer. Foreign genes can comprise native genes inserted into a non-native organism, or chimeric genes. A "transgene" is a gene that has been introduced into the genome by a transformation procedure.

"Coding sequence" refers to a nucleotide sequence that codes for a specific amino acid sequence. "Regulatory sequences" refer to nucleotide sequences located upstream (5' non-coding sequences), within, or downstream (3' non-coding sequences) of a coding sequence, and which influence the transcription, RNA processing or stability, or translation of the associated coding sequence. Regulatory sequences may include promoters, translation leader sequences, introns, and polyadenylation recognition sequences.

"Promoter" refers to a nucleotide sequence capable of controlling the expression of a coding sequence or functional RNA. In general, a coding sequence is located 3' to a promoter sequence. The promoter sequence consists of proximal and more distal upstream elements, the latter elements often referred to as enhancers. Accordingly, an "enhancer" is a nucleotide sequence which can stimulate promoter activity and may be an innate element of the promoter or a heterologous element inserted to enhance the level or tissue-specificity of a promoter. Promoters may be derived in their entirety from a native gene, or be composed of different elements derived from different promoters found in nature, or even comprise synthetic nucleotide segments. It is understood by those skilled in the art that different promoters may direct the expression of a gene in different tissues or cell types, or at different stages of development, or in response to different environmental conditions. Promoters which cause a nucleic acid fragment to be expressed in most cell types at most times are commonly referred to as "constitutive promoters". New promoters of various types useful in plant cells are constantly being discovered; numerous examples may be found in the compilation by Okamuro and Goldberg (1989) *Biochemistry of Plants* 15:1-82. It is further recognized that since in most cases the exact boundaries of regulatory sequences have not been completely defined, nucleic acid fragments of different lengths may have identical promoter activity.

The "translation leader sequence" refers to a nucleotide sequence located between the promoter sequence of a gene and the coding sequence. The translation leader sequence is present in the fully processed mRNA upstream of the translation start sequence. The translation leader sequence may affect processing of the primary transcript to mRNA, mRNA stability or translation efficiency. Examples of translation leader sequences have been described (Turner and Foster (1995) *Molecular Biotechnology* 3:225).

The "3' non-coding sequences" refer to nucleotide sequences located downstream of a coding sequence and include polyadenylation recognition sequences and other sequences

encoding regulatory signals capable of affecting mRNA processing or gene expression. The polyadenylation signal is usually characterized by affecting the addition of polyadenylic acid tracts to the 3' end of the mRNA precursor. The use of different 3' non-coding sequences is exemplified by Ingelbrecht et al. (1989) *Plant Cell* 1:671-680.

5       “RNA transcript” refers to the product resulting from RNA polymerase-catalyzed transcription of a DNA sequence. When the RNA transcript is a perfect complementary copy of the DNA sequence, it is referred to as the primary transcript or it may be a RNA sequence derived from posttranscriptional processing of the primary transcript and is referred to as the mature RNA. “Messenger RNA (mRNA)” refers to the RNA that is  
10       without introns and that can be translated into polypeptide by the cell. “cDNA” refers to a double-stranded DNA that is complementary to and derived from mRNA. “Sense” RNA refers to an RNA transcript that includes the mRNA and so can be translated into a polypeptide by the cell. “Antisense RNA” refers to an RNA transcript that is complementary to all or part of a target primary transcript or mRNA and that blocks the  
15       expression of a target gene (see U.S. Patent No. 5,107,065, incorporated herein by reference). The complementarity of an antisense RNA may be with any part of the specific nucleotide sequence, i.e., at the 5' non-coding sequence, 3' non-coding sequence, introns, or the coding sequence. “Functional RNA” refers to sense RNA, antisense RNA, ribozyme RNA, or other RNA that may not be translated but yet has an effect on cellular processes.

20       The term “operably linked” refers to the association of two or more nucleic acid fragments on a single nucleic acid fragment so that the function of one is affected by the other. For example, a promoter is operably linked with a coding sequence when it is capable of affecting the expression of that coding sequence (i.e., that the coding sequence is under the transcriptional control of the promoter). Coding sequences can be operably linked to  
25       regulatory sequences in sense or antisense orientation.

      The term “expression”, as used herein, refers to the transcription and stable accumulation of sense (mRNA) or antisense RNA derived from the nucleic acid fragment of the invention. Expression may also refer to translation of mRNA into a polypeptide. “Antisense inhibition” refers to the production of antisense RNA transcripts capable of  
30       suppressing the expression of the target protein. “Overexpression” refers to the production of a gene product in transgenic organisms that exceeds levels of production in normal or non-transformed organisms. “Co-suppression” refers to the production of sense RNA transcripts capable of suppressing the expression of identical or substantially similar foreign or endogenous genes (U.S. Patent No. 5,231,020, incorporated herein by reference).

35       “Altered levels” refers to the production of gene product(s) in transgenic organisms in amounts or proportions that differ from that of normal or non-transformed organisms.

      “Mature” protein refers to a post-translationally processed polypeptide; i.e., one from which any pre- or propeptides present in the primary translation product have been removed.

"Precursor" protein refers to the primary product of translation of mRNA; i.e., with pre- and propeptides still present. Pre- and propeptides may be but are not limited to intracellular localization signals.

5 A "chloroplast transit peptide" is an amino acid sequence which is translated in conjunction with a protein and directs the protein to the chloroplast or other plastid types present in the cell in which the protein is made. "Chloroplast transit sequence" refers to a nucleotide sequence that encodes a chloroplast transit peptide. A "signal peptide" is an amino acid sequence which is translated in conjunction with a protein and directs the protein to the secretory system (Chrispeels (1991) *Ann. Rev. Plant Phys. Plant Mol. Biol.* 42:21-53).  
10 If the protein is to be directed to a vacuole, a vacuolar targeting signal (*supra*) can further be added, or if to the endoplasmic reticulum, an endoplasmic reticulum retention signal (*supra*) may be added. If the protein is to be directed to the nucleus, any signal peptide present should be removed and instead a nuclear localization signal included (Raikhel (1992) *Plant Phys.* 100:1627-1632).

15 "Transformation" refers to the transfer of a nucleic acid fragment into the genome of a host organism, resulting in genetically stable inheritance. Host organisms containing the transformed nucleic acid fragments are referred to as "transgenic" organisms. Examples of methods of plant transformation include *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation (De Blaere et al. (1987) *Meth. Enzymol.* 143:277) and particle-accelerated or "gene gun" transformation  
20 technology (Klein et al. (1987) *Nature (London)* 327:70-73; U.S. Patent No. 4,945,050, incorporated herein by reference).

Standard recombinant DNA and molecular cloning techniques used herein are well known in the art and are described more fully in Sambrook et al. *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*; Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press: Cold Spring Harbor, 1989  
25 (hereinafter "Maniatis").

Nucleic acid fragments encoding at least a portion of a cellulose synthase enzyme have been isolated and identified by comparison of random plant cDNA sequences to public databases containing nucleotide and protein sequences using the BLAST algorithms well known to those skilled in the art. The nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention may be  
30 used to isolate cDNAs and genes encoding homologous proteins from the same or other plant species. Isolation of homologous genes using sequence-dependent protocols is well known in the art. Examples of sequence-dependent protocols include, but are not limited to, methods of nucleic acid hybridization, and methods of DNA and RNA amplification as exemplified by various uses of nucleic acid amplification technologies (e.g., polymerase  
35 chain reaction, ligase chain reaction).

For example, genes encoding other cellulose synthase enzymes, either as cDNAs or genomic DNAs, could be isolated directly by using all or a portion of the instant nucleic acid fragments as DNA hybridization probes to screen libraries from any desired plant employing

methodology well known to those skilled in the art. Specific oligonucleotide probes based upon the instant nucleic acid sequences can be designed and synthesized by methods known in the art (Maniatis). Moreover, the entire sequences can be used directly to synthesize DNA probes by methods known to the skilled artisan such as random primer DNA labeling, nick translation, or end-labeling techniques, or RNA probes using available *in vitro* transcription systems. In addition, specific primers can be designed and used to amplify a part or all of the instant sequences. The resulting amplification products can be labeled directly during amplification reactions or labeled after amplification reactions, and used as probes to isolate full length cDNA or genomic fragments under conditions of appropriate stringency.

In addition, two short segments of the instant nucleic acid fragments may be used in polymerase chain reaction protocols to amplify longer nucleic acid fragments encoding homologous genes from DNA or RNA. The polymerase chain reaction may also be performed on a library of cloned nucleic acid fragments wherein the sequence of one primer is derived from the instant nucleic acid fragments, and the sequence of the other primer takes advantage of the presence of the polyadenylic acid tracts to the 3' end of the mRNA precursor encoding plant genes. Alternatively, the second primer sequence may be based upon sequences derived from the cloning vector. For example, the skilled artisan can follow the RACE protocol (Frohman et al. (1988) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 85:8998) to generate cDNAs by using PCR to amplify copies of the region between a single point in the transcript and the 3' or 5' end. Primers oriented in the 3' and 5' directions can be designed from the instant sequences. Using commercially available 3' RACE or 5' RACE systems (BRL), specific 3' or 5' cDNA fragments can be isolated (Ohara et al. (1989) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 86:5673; Loh et al. (1989) *Science* 243:217). Products generated by the 3' and 5' RACE procedures can be combined to generate full-length cDNAs (Frohman and Martin (1989) *Techniques* 1:165).

Availability of the instant nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences facilitates immunological screening of cDNA expression libraries. Synthetic peptides representing portions of the instant amino acid sequences may be synthesized. These peptides can be used to immunize animals to produce polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies with specificity for peptides or proteins comprising the amino acid sequences. These antibodies can be then be used to screen cDNA expression libraries to isolate full-length cDNA clones of interest (Lerner (1984) *Adv. Immunol.* 36:1; Maniatis).

The nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention may be used to create transgenic plants in which the disclosed polypeptides are present at higher or lower levels than normal or in cell types or developmental stages in which they are not normally found. This would have the effect of altering the level of cellulose synthase in those cells.

Overexpression of the proteins of the instant invention may be accomplished by first constructing a chimeric gene in which the coding region is operably linked to a promoter capable of directing expression of a gene in the desired tissues at the desired stage of development. For reasons of convenience, the chimeric gene may comprise promoter sequences and translation leader sequences derived from the same genes. 3' Non-coding sequences encoding transcription termination signals may also be provided. The instant chimeric gene may also comprise one or more introns in order to facilitate gene expression.

Plasmid vectors comprising the instant chimeric gene can then be constructed. The choice of plasmid vector is dependent upon the method that will be used to transform host plants. The skilled artisan is well aware of the genetic elements that must be present on the plasmid vector in order to successfully transform, select and propagate host cells containing the chimeric gene. The skilled artisan will also recognize that different independent transformation events will result in different levels and patterns of expression (Jones et al. (1985) *EMBO J.* 4:2411-2418; De Almeida et al. (1989) *Mol. Gen. Genetics* 218:78-86), and thus that multiple events must be screened in order to obtain lines displaying the desired expression level and pattern. Such screening may be accomplished by Southern analysis of DNA, Northern analysis of mRNA expression, Western analysis of protein expression, or phenotypic analysis.

For some applications it may be useful to direct the instant polypeptides to different cellular compartments, or to facilitate its secretion from the cell. It is thus envisioned that the chimeric gene described above may be further supplemented by altering the coding sequence to encode the instant polypeptides with appropriate intracellular targeting sequences such as transit sequences (Keegstra (1989) *Cell* 56:247-253), signal sequences or sequences encoding endoplasmic reticulum localization (Chrispeels (1991) *Ann. Rev. Plant Phys. Plant Mol. Biol.* 42:21-53), or nuclear localization signals (Raikhel (1992) *Plant Phys.* 100:1627-1632) added and/or with targeting sequences that are already present removed. While the references cited give examples of each of these, the list is not exhaustive and more targeting signals of utility may be discovered in the future.

It may also be desirable to reduce or eliminate expression of genes encoding the instant polypeptides in plants for some applications. In order to accomplish this, a chimeric gene designed for co-suppression of the instant polypeptide can be constructed by linking a gene or gene fragment encoding that polypeptide to plant promoter sequences. Alternatively, a chimeric gene designed to express antisense RNA for all or part of the instant nucleic acid fragment can be constructed by linking the gene or gene fragment in reverse orientation to plant promoter sequences. Either the co-suppression or antisense chimeric genes could be introduced into plants via transformation wherein expression of the corresponding endogenous genes are reduced or eliminated.

Molecular genetic solutions to the generation of plants with altered gene expression have a decided advantage over more traditional plant breeding approaches. Changes in plant phenotypes can be produced by specifically inhibiting expression of one or more genes by antisense inhibition or cosuppression (U. S. Patent Nos. 5,190,931, 5,107,065 and 5,283,323). An antisense or cosuppression construct would act as a dominant negative regulator of gene activity. While conventional mutations can yield negative regulation of gene activity these effects are most likely recessive. The dominant negative regulation available with a transgenic approach may be advantageous from a breeding perspective. In addition, the ability to restrict the expression of specific phenotype to the reproductive tissues of the plant by the use of tissue specific promoters may confer agronomic advantages relative to conventional mutations which may have an effect in all tissues in which a mutant gene is ordinarily expressed.

The person skilled in the art will know that special considerations are associated with the use of antisense or cosuppression technologies in order to reduce expression of particular genes. For example, the proper level of expression of sense or antisense genes may require the use of different chimeric genes utilizing different regulatory elements known to the skilled artisan. Once transgenic plants are obtained by one of the methods described above, it will be necessary to screen individual transgenics for those that most effectively display the desired phenotype. Accordingly, the skilled artisan will develop methods for screening large numbers of transformants. The nature of these screens will generally be chosen on practical grounds, and is not an inherent part of the invention. For example, one can screen by looking for changes in gene expression by using antibodies specific for the protein encoded by the gene being suppressed, or one could establish assays that specifically measure enzyme activity. A preferred method will be one which allows large numbers of samples to be processed rapidly, since it will be expected that a large number of transformants will be negative for the desired phenotype.

The instant polypeptides (or portions thereof) may be produced in heterologous host cells, particularly in the cells of microbial hosts, and can be used to prepare antibodies to the these proteins by methods well known to those skilled in the art. The antibodies are useful for detecting the polypeptides of the instant invention *in situ* in cells or *in vitro* in cell extracts. Preferred heterologous host cells for production of the instant polypeptides are microbial hosts. Microbial expression systems and expression vectors containing regulatory sequences that direct high level expression of foreign proteins are well known to those skilled in the art. Any of these could be used to construct a chimeric gene for production of the instant polypeptides. This chimeric gene could then be introduced into appropriate microorganisms via transformation to provide high level expression of the encoded cellulose synthase. An example of a vector for high level expression of the instant polypeptides in a bacterial host is provided (Example 6).

Additionally, the instant polypeptides can be used as a targets to facilitate design and/or identification of inhibitors of those enzymes that may be useful as herbicides. This is desirable because the polypeptides described herein catalyze a step in the synthesis of cellulose. Accordingly, inhibition of the activity of one or more of the enzymes described  
5 herein could lead to inhibition plant growth. Thus, the instant polypeptides could be appropriate for new herbicide discovery and design.

All or a substantial portion of the nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention may also be used as probes for genetically and physically mapping the genes that they are a part of, and as markers for traits linked to those genes. Such information may be useful in plant  
10 breeding in order to develop lines with desired phenotypes. For example, the instant nucleic acid fragments may be used as restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) markers. Southern blots (Maniatis) of restriction-digested plant genomic DNA may be probed with the nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention. The resulting banding patterns may then be subjected to genetic analyses using computer programs such as MapMaker (Lander et al.  
15 (1987) *Genomics* 1:174-181) in order to construct a genetic map. In addition, the nucleic acid fragments of the instant invention may be used to probe Southern blots containing restriction endonuclease-treated genomic DNAs of a set of individuals representing parent and progeny of a defined genetic cross. Segregation of the DNA polymorphisms is noted and used to calculate the position of the instant nucleic acid sequence in the genetic map  
20 previously obtained using this population (Botstein et al. (1980) *Am. J. Hum. Genet.* 32:314-331).

The production and use of plant gene-derived probes for use in genetic mapping is described in Bernatzky and Tanksley (1986) *Plant Mol. Biol. Reporter* 4(1):37-41. Numerous publications describe genetic mapping of specific cDNA clones using the  
25 methodology outlined above or variations thereof. For example, F2 intercross populations, backcross populations, randomly mated populations, near isogenic lines, and other sets of individuals may be used for mapping. Such methodologies are well known to those skilled in the art.

Nucleic acid probes derived from the instant nucleic acid sequences may also be used  
30 for physical mapping (i.e., placement of sequences on physical maps; see Hoheisel et al. In: *Nonmammalian Genomic Analysis: A Practical Guide*, Academic press 1996, pp. 319-346, and references cited therein).

In another embodiment, nucleic acid probes derived from the instant nucleic acid sequences may be used in direct fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH) mapping (Trask  
35 (1991) *Trends Genet.* 7:149-154). Although current methods of FISH mapping favor use of large clones (several to several hundred KB; see Laan et al. (1995) *Genome Research* 5:13-20), improvements in sensitivity may allow performance of FISH mapping using shorter probes.

A variety of nucleic acid amplification-based methods of genetic and physical mapping may be carried out using the instant nucleic acid sequences. Examples include allele-specific amplification (Kazazian (1989) *J. Lab. Clin. Med.* 114(2):95-96), polymorphism of PCR-amplified fragments (CAPS; Sheffield et al. (1993) *Genomics* 16:325-332), allele-specific ligation (Landegren et al. (1988) *Science* 241:1077-1080), nucleotide extension reactions (Sokolov (1990) *Nucleic Acid Res.* 18:3671), Radiation Hybrid Mapping (Walter et al. (1997) *Nature Genetics* 7:22-28) and Happy Mapping (Dear and Cook (1989) *Nucleic Acid Res.* 17:6795-6807). For these methods, the sequence of a nucleic acid fragment is used to design and produce primer pairs for use in the amplification reaction or in primer extension reactions. The design of such primers is well known to those skilled in the art. In methods employing PCR-based genetic mapping, it may be necessary to identify DNA sequence differences between the parents of the mapping cross in the region corresponding to the instant nucleic acid sequence. This, however, is generally not necessary for mapping methods.

Loss of function mutant phenotypes may be identified for the instant cDNA clones either by targeted gene disruption protocols or by identifying specific mutants for these genes contained in a maize population carrying mutations in all possible genes (Ballinger and Benzer (1989) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA* 86:9402; Koes et al. (1995) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA* 92:8149; Bensen et al. (1995) *Plant Cell* 7:75). The latter approach may be accomplished in two ways. First, short segments of the instant nucleic acid fragments may be used in polymerase chain reaction protocols in conjunction with a mutation tag sequence primer on DNAs prepared from a population of plants in which Mutator transposons or some other mutation-causing DNA element has been introduced (see Bensen, *supra*). The amplification of a specific DNA fragment with these primers indicates the insertion of the mutation tag element in or near the plant gene encoding the instant polypeptides. Alternatively, the instant nucleic acid fragment may be used as a hybridization probe against PCR amplification products generated from the mutation population using the mutation tag sequence primer in conjunction with an arbitrary genomic site primer, such as that for a restriction enzyme site-anchored synthetic adaptor. With either method, a plant containing a mutation in the endogenous gene encoding the instant polypeptides can be identified and obtained. This mutant plant can then be used to determine or confirm the natural function of the instant polypeptides disclosed herein.

#### EXAMPLES

The present invention is further defined in the following Examples, in which all parts and percentages are by weight and degrees are Celsius, unless otherwise stated. It should be understood that these Examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only. From the above discussion and these Examples, one skilled in the art can ascertain the essential characteristics of this invention, and without



departing from the spirit and scope thereof, can make various changes and modifications of the invention to adapt it to various usages and conditions.

### EXAMPLE 1

#### Composition of cDNA Libraries; Isolation and Sequencing of cDNA Clones

- 5 cDNA libraries representing mRNAs from various barley, corn, rice, soybean and wheat tissues were prepared. The characteristics of the libraries are described below.

TABLE 2

cDNA Libraries from Barley, Corn, Rice, Soybean and Wheat

Library	Tissue	Clone
bsh1	Barley ( <i>Hordeum vulgare</i> ) sheath, developing seedling	bsh1.pk0002.f6
cco1n	Corn ( <i>Zea mays</i> ) cob of 67 day old plants grown in green house*	cco1n.pk0005.g3
cdt2c	Corn ( <i>Zea mays</i> ) developing tassel 2	cdt2c.pk002.g1 cdt2c.pk002.l16
cr1n	Corn ( <i>Zea mays</i> ) root from 7 day seedlings grown in light*	cr1n.pk0135.e10
csc1c	Corn ( <i>Zea mays</i> ) 20 day seedling (germination under cold stress)	csc1c.pk002.i1
p0031	Corn ( <i>Zea mays</i> ) shoot culture, initiated from seed derived meristems culture was maintained on 273N medium.	p0031.ccmr05rb
p0110	Corn ( <i>Zea mays</i> ) stages V3/V4** leaf tissue minus midrib harvested 4 hours, 24 hours and 7 days after infiltration with salicylic acid, tissues pooled*	p0110.cgsm57r
p0097	Corn ( <i>Zea mays</i> ) stage V9** whorl section (7 cm) from plant infected four times with european corn borer	p0097.cgrad17rc
p0122	Corn ( <i>Zea mays</i> ) pith tissue collected from internode subtending ear node 5 days after pollination	p0122.ckamh70rc
rlr24	Rice ( <i>Oryza sativa</i> ) leaf (15 days after germination) 24 hours after infection of <i>Magaporthe grisea</i> strain 4360-R-62 (AVR2-YAMO); Resistant	rlr24.pk0073.g1
sdp2c	Soybean ( <i>Glycine max</i> ) developing pods 6-7 mm	sdp2c.pk005.o22
ses8w	Soybean ( <i>Glycine max</i> ) mature embryo 8 weeks after subculture	ses8w.pk0028.f3
ssl	Soybean ( <i>Glycine max</i> ) seedling 5-10 day	ssl.pk0036.c10
wl1	Wheat ( <i>Triticum aestivum</i> ) leaf 7 day old seedling, light grown	wl1.pk0009.c9
wl1n	Wheat ( <i>Triticum aestivum</i> ) leaf 7 day old seedling, light grown*	wl1n.pk0044.b1
wr1	Wheat ( <i>Triticum aestivum</i> ) root; 7 day old seedling, light grown	wr1.pk0160.d11

Library	Tissue	Clone
wre1n	Wheat ( <i>Triticum aestivum</i> ) root; 7 day old etiolated seedling*	wre1n.pk0043.f9
		wre1n.pk0043.h8
		wre1n.pk0131.g10

\*These libraries were normalized essentially as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,482,845, incorporated herein by reference.

5 \*\*V3, V4 and V9 refer to stages of corn growth. The descriptions can be found in "How a Corn Plant Develops" Special Report No. 48, Iowa State University of Science and Technology Cooperative Extension Service Ames, Iowa, Reprinted February 1993.

cDNA libraries may be prepared by any one of many methods available. For example, the cDNAs may be introduced into plasmid vectors by first preparing the cDNA  
 10 libraries in Uni-ZAP™ XR vectors according to the manufacturer's protocol (Stratagene Cloning Systems, La Jolla, CA). The Uni-ZAP™ XR libraries are converted into plasmid libraries according to the protocol provided by Stratagene. Upon conversion, cDNA inserts will be contained in the plasmid vector pBluescript. In addition, the cDNAs may be introduced directly into precut Bluescript II SK(+) vectors (Stratagene) using T4 DNA  
 15 ligase (New England Biolabs), followed by transfection into DH10B cells according to the manufacturer's protocol (GIBCO BRL Products). Once the cDNA inserts are in plasmid vectors, plasmid DNAs are prepared from randomly picked bacterial colonies containing recombinant pBluescript plasmids, or the insert cDNA sequences are amplified via polymerase chain reaction using primers specific for vector sequences flanking the inserted  
 20 cDNA sequences. Amplified insert DNAs or plasmid DNAs are sequenced in dye-primer sequencing reactions to generate partial cDNA sequences (expressed sequence tags or "ESTs"; see Adams et al., (1991) *Science* 252:1651). The resulting ESTs are analyzed using a Perkin Elmer Model 377 fluorescent sequencer.

## EXAMPLE 2

### Identification of cDNA Clones

25 cDNA clones encoding cellulose synthase enzymes were identified by conducting BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool; Altschul et al. (1993) *J. Mol. Biol.* 215:403-410; see also [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/)) searches for similarity to sequences contained in the BLAST "nr" database (comprising all non-redundant GenBank CDS  
 30 translations, sequences derived from the 3-dimensional structure Brookhaven Protein Data Bank, the last major release of the SWISS-PROT protein sequence database, EMBL, and DDBJ databases). The cDNA sequences obtained in Example 1 were analyzed for similarity to all publicly available DNA sequences contained in the "nr" database using the BLASTN algorithm provided by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). The

DNA sequences were translated in all reading frames and compared for similarity to all publicly available protein sequences contained in the "nr" database using the BLASTX algorithm (Gish and States (1993) *Nature Genetics* 3:266-272) provided by the NCBI. For convenience, the P-value (probability) of observing a match of a cDNA sequence to a sequence contained in the searched databases merely by chance as calculated by BLAST are reported herein as "pLog" values, which represent the negative of the logarithm of the reported P-value. Accordingly, the greater the pLog value, the greater the likelihood that the cDNA sequence and the BLAST "hit" represent homologous proteins.

### EXAMPLE 3

#### 10 Characterization of cDNA Clones Encoding Cellulose Synthase

The BLASTX search using the EST sequences from clones listed in Table 3 revealed similarity of the polypeptides encoded by the cDNAs to cellulose synthase from *Arabidopsis thaliana* (NCBI Identifier No. gi 2827139, gi 2827141, gi 4467125, gi 4886756 and gi 3135611) and *Gossypium hirsutum* (NCBI Identifier No. gi 1706958 and 5081779). Shown in Table 3 are the BLAST results for individual ESTs ("EST"), the sequences of the entire cDNA inserts comprising the indicated cDNA clones ("FIS"), complete gene sequences ("CGS") or contigs assembled from two or more ESTs ("Contig"):

TABLE 3

20 BLAST Results for Sequences Encoding Polypeptides Homologous to *Arabidopsis thaliana* and *Gossypium hirsutum* Cellulose Synthase

Clone	Status	BLAST pLog Score
bsh1.pk0002.f6	FIS	154.00 (gi 2827139)
Contig composed of: cco1n.pk0005.g3 cdt2c.pk002.g1 cdt2c.pk002.l16 csc1c.pk002.i1 p0031.ccmr05rb p0110.cgsma57r	Contig	>254.00 (gi 2827141)
cr1n.pk0135.e10	FIS	176.00 (gi 1706958)
p0097.cqrad17rc	CGS	>254.00 (gi 2827141)
p0122.ckamh70rc	CGS	>254.00 (gi 2827141)
rlr24.pk0073.g1	EST	77.70 (gi 4467125)
sdp2c.pk005.o22	FIS	>254.00 (gi 4886756)
ses8w.pk0028.f3	EST	>254.00 (gi 2827139)
ssl.pk0036.c10	EST	>254.00 (gi 2827141)
Contig composed of: wl1.pk0009.c9 wr1.pk0160.d11 wre1n.pk0043.f9	Contig	>254.00 (gi 5081779)

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wreln.pk0043.h8		
wreln.pk0131.g10		
wl1n.pk0044.b1	EST	166.00 (gi 3135611)

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Figure 1 presents an alignment of the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs:2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22 and the *Arabidopsis thaliana* (SEQ ID NOs:23 (gi 2827139), 24 (gi 2827141), 26 (gi 4467125), 27 (gi 4886756) and 29 (gi 3135611)) and *Gossypium hirsutum* (SEQ ID NOs:25 (gi 1706958) and 28 (gi 5081779)) sequences. The data in Table 4 represents a calculation of the percent identity of the amino acid sequences set forth in SEQ ID NOs:2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22 and the *Arabidopsis thaliana* (SEQ ID NOs:23, 24, 26, 27 and 29) and *Gossypium hirsutum* (SEQ ID NOs:25 and 28) sequences.

TABLE 4

Percent Identity of Amino Acid Sequences Deduced From the Nucleotide Sequences of cDNA Clones Encoding Polypeptides Homologous to *Arabidopsis thaliana* and *Gossypium hirsutum* Cellulose Synthase

SEQ ID NO.	Percent Identity to
2	82% (gi 2827139)
4	69% (gi 2827141)
6	89% (gi 1706958)
8	70% (gi 2827141)
10	70% (gi 2827141)
12	36% (gi 4467125)
14	86% (gi 4886756)
16	88% (gi 2827139)
18	86% (gi 2827141)
20	87% (gi 5081779)
22	70% (gi 3135611)

Sequence alignments and percent identity calculations were performed using the Megalign program of the LASARGENE bioinformatics computing suite (DNASTAR Inc., Madison, WI). Multiple alignment of the sequences was performed using the Clustal method of alignment (Higgins and Sharp (1989) *CABIOS*. 5:151-153) with the default parameters (GAP PENALTY=10, GAP LENGTH PENALTY=10). Default parameters for pairwise alignments using the Clustal method were KTUPLE 1, GAP PENALTY=3, WINDOW=5 and DIAGONALS SAVED=5. Sequence alignments and BLAST scores and probabilities indicate that the nucleic acid fragments comprising the instant cDNA clones

encode a substantial portion of a cellulose synthase. These sequences represent the first barley, corn, rice, soybean and wheat sequences encoding cellulose synthase.

#### EXAMPLE 4

##### Expression of Chimeric Genes in Monocot Cells

5 A chimeric gene comprising a cDNA encoding the instant polypeptides in sense orientation with respect to the maize 27 kD zein promoter that is located 5' to the cDNA fragment, and the 10 kD zein 3' end that is located 3' to the cDNA fragment, can be constructed. The cDNA fragment of this gene may be generated by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) of the cDNA clone using appropriate oligonucleotide primers. Cloning sites  
10 (NcoI or SmaI) can be incorporated into the oligonucleotides to provide proper orientation of the DNA fragment when inserted into the digested vector pML103 as described below. Amplification is then performed in a standard PCR. The amplified DNA is then digested with restriction enzymes NcoI and SmaI and fractionated on an agarose gel. The appropriate band can be isolated from the gel and combined with a 4.9 kb NcoI-SmaI fragment of the  
15 plasmid pML103. Plasmid pML103 has been deposited under the terms of the Budapest Treaty at ATCC (American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110-2209), and bears accession number ATCC 97366. The DNA segment from pML103 contains a 1.05 kb SalI-NcoI promoter fragment of the maize 27 kD zein gene and a 0.96 kb SmaI-SalI fragment from the 3' end of the maize 10 kD zein gene in the vector  
20 pGem9Zf(+) (Promega). Vector and insert DNA can be ligated at 15°C overnight, essentially as described (Maniatis). The ligated DNA may then be used to transform *E. coli* XL1-Blue (Epicurian Coli XL-1 Blue™; Stratagene). Bacterial transformants can be screened by restriction enzyme digestion of plasmid DNA and limited nucleotide sequence analysis using the dideoxy chain termination method (Sequenase™ DNA Sequencing Kit;  
25 U.S. Biochemical). The resulting plasmid construct would comprise a chimeric gene encoding, in the 5' to 3' direction, the maize 27 kD zein promoter, a cDNA fragment encoding the instant polypeptides, and the 10 kD zein 3' region.

The chimeric gene described above can then be introduced into corn cells by the following procedure. Immature corn embryos can be dissected from developing caryopses  
30 derived from crosses of the inbred corn lines H99 and LH132. The embryos are isolated 10 to 11 days after pollination when they are 1.0 to 1.5 mm long. The embryos are then placed with the axis-side facing down and in contact with agarose-solidified N6 medium (Chu et al. (1975) *Sci. Sin. Peking* 18:659-668). The embryos are kept in the dark at 27°C. Friable embryogenic callus consisting of undifferentiated masses of cells with somatic  
35 proembryoids and embryoids borne on suspensor structures proliferates from the scutellum of these immature embryos. The embryogenic callus isolated from the primary explant can be cultured on N6 medium and sub-cultured on this medium every 2 to 3 weeks.

The plasmid, p35S/Ac (obtained from Dr. Peter Eckes, Hoechst Ag, Frankfurt, Germany) may be used in transformation experiments in order to provide for a selectable marker. This plasmid contains the *Pat* gene (see European Patent Publication 0 242 236) which encodes phosphinothricin acetyl transferase (PAT). The enzyme PAT confers  
5 resistance to herbicidal glutamine synthetase inhibitors such as phosphinothricin. The *pat* gene in p35S/Ac is under the control of the 35S promoter from Cauliflower Mosaic Virus (Odell et al. (1985) *Nature* 313:810-812) and the 3' region of the nopaline synthase gene from the T-DNA of the Ti plasmid of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*.

The particle bombardment method (Klein et al. (1987) *Nature* 327:70-73) may be used  
10 to transfer genes to the callus culture cells. According to this method, gold particles (1  $\mu$ m in diameter) are coated with DNA using the following technique. Ten  $\mu$ g of plasmid DNAs are added to 50  $\mu$ L of a suspension of gold particles (60 mg per mL). Calcium chloride (50  $\mu$ L of a 2.5 M solution) and spermidine free base (20  $\mu$ L of a 1.0 M solution) are added to the particles. The suspension is vortexed during the addition of these solutions. After  
15 10 minutes, the tubes are briefly centrifuged (5 sec at 15,000 rpm) and the supernatant removed. The particles are resuspended in 200  $\mu$ L of absolute ethanol, centrifuged again and the supernatant removed. The ethanol rinse is performed again and the particles resuspended in a final volume of 30  $\mu$ L of ethanol. An aliquot (5  $\mu$ L) of the DNA-coated gold particles can be placed in the center of a Kapton™ flying disc (Bio-Rad Labs). The  
20 particles are then accelerated into the corn tissue with a Biolistic™ PDS-1000/He (Bio-Rad Instruments, Hercules CA), using a helium pressure of 1000 psi, a gap distance of 0.5 cm and a flying distance of 1.0 cm.

For bombardment, the embryogenic tissue is placed on filter paper over agarose-solidified N6 medium. The tissue is arranged as a thin lawn and covered a circular area of  
25 about 5 cm in diameter. The petri dish containing the tissue can be placed in the chamber of the PDS-1000/He approximately 8 cm from the stopping screen. The air in the chamber is then evacuated to a vacuum of 28 inches of Hg. The macrocarrier is accelerated with a helium shock wave using a rupture membrane that bursts when the He pressure in the shock tube reaches 1000 psi.

Seven days after bombardment the tissue can be transferred to N6 medium that  
30 contains glufosinate (2 mg per liter) and lacks casein or proline. The tissue continues to grow slowly on this medium. After an additional 2 weeks the tissue can be transferred to fresh N6 medium containing glufosinate. After 6 weeks, areas of about 1 cm in diameter of actively growing callus can be identified on some of the plates containing the glufosinate-supplemented medium. These calli may continue to grow when sub-cultured on the  
35 selective medium.

Plants can be regenerated from the transgenic callus by first transferring clusters of tissue to N6 medium supplemented with 0.2 mg per liter of 2,4-D. After two weeks the

tissue can be transferred to regeneration medium (Fromm et al. (1990) *Bio/Technology* 8:833-839).

### EXAMPLE 5

#### Expression of Chimeric Genes in Dicot Cells

5 A seed-specific expression cassette composed of the promoter and transcription terminator from the gene encoding the  $\beta$  subunit of the seed storage protein phaseolin from the bean *Phaseolus vulgaris* (Doyle et al. (1986) *J. Biol. Chem.* 261:9228-9238) can be used for expression of the instant polypeptides in transformed soybean. The phaseolin cassette includes about 500 nucleotides upstream (5') from the translation initiation codon and about  
10 1650 nucleotides downstream (3') from the translation stop codon of phaseolin. Between the 5' and 3' regions are the unique restriction endonuclease sites Nco I (which includes the ATG translation initiation codon), Sma I, Kpn I and Xba I. The entire cassette is flanked by Hind III sites.

The cDNA fragment of this gene may be generated by polymerase chain reaction  
15 (PCR) of the cDNA clone using appropriate oligonucleotide primers. Cloning sites can be incorporated into the oligonucleotides to provide proper orientation of the DNA fragment when inserted into the expression vector. Amplification is then performed as described above, and the isolated fragment is inserted into a pUC18 vector carrying the seed expression cassette.

20 Soybean embryos may then be transformed with the expression vector comprising sequences encoding the instant polypeptides. To induce somatic embryos, cotyledons, 3-5 mm in length dissected from surface sterilized, immature seeds of the soybean cultivar A2872, can be cultured in the light or dark at 26°C on an appropriate agar medium for 6-10 weeks. Somatic embryos which produce secondary embryos are then excised and  
25 placed into a suitable liquid medium. After repeated selection for clusters of somatic embryos which multiplied as early, globular staged embryos, the suspensions are maintained as described below.

Soybean embryogenic suspension cultures can maintained in 35 mL liquid media on a rotary shaker, 150 rpm, at 26°C with florescent lights on a 16:8 hour day/night schedule.  
30 Cultures are subcultured every two weeks by inoculating approximately 35 mg of tissue into 35 mL of liquid medium.

Soybean embryogenic suspension cultures may then be transformed by the method of particle gun bombardment (Klein et al. (1987) *Nature* (London) 327:70, U.S. Patent No. 4,945,050). A DuPont Biolistic™ PDS1000/HE instrument (helium retrofit) can be used  
35 for these transformations.

A selectable marker gene which can be used to facilitate soybean transformation is a chimeric gene composed of the 35S promoter from Cauliflower Mosaic Virus (Odell et al. (1985) *Nature* 313:810-812), the hygromycin phosphotransferase gene from plasmid pJR225

(from *E. coli*; Gritz et al.(1983) *Gene* 25:179-188) and the 3' region of the nopaline synthase gene from the T-DNA of the Ti plasmid of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*. The seed expression cassette comprising the phaseolin 5' region, the fragment encoding the instant polypeptides and the phaseolin 3' region can be isolated as a restriction fragment. This fragment can then  
5 be inserted into a unique restriction site of the vector carrying the marker gene.

To 50  $\mu$ L of a 60 mg/mL 1  $\mu$ m gold particle suspension is added (in order): 5  $\mu$ L DNA (1  $\mu$ g/ $\mu$ L), 20  $\mu$ l spermidine (0.1 M), and 50  $\mu$ L  $\text{CaCl}_2$  (2.5 M). The particle preparation is then agitated for three minutes, spun in a microfuge for 10 seconds and the supernatant removed. The DNA-coated particles are then washed once in 400  $\mu$ L 70%  
10 ethanol and resuspended in 40  $\mu$ L of anhydrous ethanol. The DNA/particle suspension can be sonicated three times for one second each. Five  $\mu$ L of the DNA-coated gold particles are then loaded on each macro carrier disk.

Approximately 300-400 mg of a two-week-old suspension culture is placed in an empty 60x15 mm petri dish and the residual liquid removed from the tissue with a pipette.  
15 For each transformation experiment, approximately 5-10 plates of tissue are normally bombarded. Membrane rupture pressure is set at 1100 psi and the chamber is evacuated to a vacuum of 28 inches mercury. The tissue is placed approximately 3.5 inches away from the retaining screen and bombarded three times. Following bombardment, the tissue can be divided in half and placed back into liquid and cultured as described above.

Five to seven days post bombardment, the liquid media may be exchanged with fresh media, and eleven to twelve days post bombardment with fresh media containing 50 mg/mL hygromycin. This selective media can be refreshed weekly. Seven to eight weeks post bombardment, green, transformed tissue may be observed growing from untransformed, necrotic embryogenic clusters. Isolated green tissue is removed and inoculated into  
25 individual flasks to generate new, clonally propagated, transformed embryogenic suspension cultures. Each new line may be treated as an independent transformation event. These suspensions can then be subcultured and maintained as clusters of immature embryos or regenerated into whole plants by maturation and germination of individual somatic embryos.

#### EXAMPLE 6

##### Expression of Chimeric Genes in Microbial Cells

The cDNAs encoding the instant polypeptides can be inserted into the T7 *E. coli* expression vector pBT430. This vector is a derivative of pET-3a (Rosenberg et al. (1987) *Gene* 56:125-135) which employs the bacteriophage T7 RNA polymerase/T7 promoter system. Plasmid pBT430 was constructed by first destroying the EcoR I and Hind III sites in  
35 pET-3a at their original positions. An oligonucleotide adaptor containing EcoR I and Hind III sites was inserted at the BamH I site of pET-3a. This created pET-3aM with additional unique cloning sites for insertion of genes into the expression vector. Then, the Nde I site at the position of translation initiation was converted to an Nco I site using



oligonucleotide-directed mutagenesis. The DNA sequence of pET-3aM in this region, 5'-CATATGG, was converted to 5'-CCCATGG in pBT430.

Plasmid DNA containing a cDNA may be appropriately digested to release a nucleic acid fragment encoding the protein. This fragment may then be purified on a 1% NuSieve GTG™ low melting agarose gel (FMC). Buffer and agarose contain 10 µg/ml ethidium bromide for visualization of the DNA fragment. The fragment can then be purified from the agarose gel by digestion with GELase™ (Epicentre Technologies) according to the manufacturer's instructions, ethanol precipitated, dried and resuspended in 20 µL of water. Appropriate oligonucleotide adapters may be ligated to the fragment using T4 DNA ligase (New England Biolabs, Beverly, MA). The fragment containing the ligated adapters can be purified from the excess adapters using low melting agarose as described above. The vector pBT430 is digested, dephosphorylated with alkaline phosphatase (NEB) and deproteinized with phenol/chloroform as described above. The prepared vector pBT430 and fragment can then be ligated at 16°C for 15 hours followed by transformation into DH5 electrocompetent cells (GIBCO BRL). Transformants can be selected on agar plates containing LB media and 100 µg/mL ampicillin. Transformants containing the gene encoding the instant polypeptides are then screened for the correct orientation with respect to the T7 promoter by restriction enzyme analysis.

For high level expression, a plasmid clone with the cDNA insert in the correct orientation relative to the T7 promoter can be transformed into *E. coli* strain BL21(DE3) (Studier et al. (1986) *J. Mol. Biol.* 189:113-130). Cultures are grown in LB medium containing ampicillin (100 mg/L) at 25°C. At an optical density at 600 nm of approximately 1, IPTG (isopropylthio-β-galactoside, the inducer) can be added to a final concentration of 0.4 mM and incubation can be continued for 3 h at 25°. Cells are then harvested by centrifugation and re-suspended in 50 µL of 50 mM Tris-HCl at pH 8.0 containing 0.1 mM DTT and 0.2 mM phenyl methylsulfonyl fluoride. A small amount of 1 mm glass beads can be added and the mixture sonicated 3 times for about 5 seconds each time with a microprobe sonicator. The mixture is centrifuged and the protein concentration of the supernatant determined. One µg of protein from the soluble fraction of the culture can be separated by SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. Gels can be observed for protein bands migrating at the expected molecular weight.

#### EXAMPLE 7

##### Evaluating Compounds for Their Ability to Inhibit the Activity of Cellulose Synthase

The polypeptides described herein may be produced using any number of methods known to those skilled in the art. Such methods include, but are not limited to, expression in bacteria as described in Example 6, or expression in eukaryotic cell culture, *in planta*, and using viral expression systems in suitably infected organisms or cell lines. The instant

polypeptides may be expressed either as mature forms of the proteins as observed *in vivo* or as fusion proteins by covalent attachment to a variety of enzymes, proteins or affinity tags. Common fusion protein partners include glutathione S-transferase ("GST"), thioredoxin ("Trx"), maltose binding protein, and C- and/or N-terminal hexahistidine polypeptide ("His)<sub>6</sub>"). The fusion proteins may be engineered with a protease recognition site at the fusion point so that fusion partners can be separated by protease digestion to yield intact mature enzyme. Examples of such proteases include thrombin, enterokinase and factor Xa. However, any protease can be used which specifically cleaves the peptide connecting the fusion protein and the enzyme.

Purification of the instant polypeptides, if desired, may utilize any number of separation technologies familiar to those skilled in the art of protein purification. Examples of such methods include, but are not limited to, homogenization, filtration, centrifugation, heat denaturation, ammonium sulfate precipitation, desalting, pH precipitation, ion exchange chromatography, hydrophobic interaction chromatography and affinity chromatography, wherein the affinity ligand represents a substrate, substrate analog or inhibitor. When the instant polypeptides are expressed as fusion proteins, the purification protocol may include the use of an affinity resin which is specific for the fusion protein tag attached to the expressed enzyme or an affinity resin containing ligands which are specific for the enzyme. For example, the instant polypeptides may be expressed as a fusion protein coupled to the C-terminus of thioredoxin. In addition, a (His)<sub>6</sub> peptide may be engineered into the N-terminus of the fused thioredoxin moiety to afford additional opportunities for affinity purification. Other suitable affinity resins could be synthesized by linking the appropriate ligands to any suitable resin such as Sepharose-4B. In an alternate embodiment, a thioredoxin fusion protein may be eluted using dithiothreitol; however, elution may be accomplished using other reagents which interact to displace the thioredoxin from the resin. These reagents include  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol or other reduced thiol. The eluted fusion protein may be subjected to further purification by traditional means as stated above, if desired. Proteolytic cleavage of the thioredoxin fusion protein and the enzyme may be accomplished after the fusion protein is purified or while the protein is still bound to the ThioBond™ affinity resin or other resin.

Crude, partially purified or purified enzyme, either alone or as a fusion protein, may be utilized in assays for the evaluation of compounds for their ability to inhibit enzymatic activation of the instant polypeptides disclosed herein. Assays may be conducted under well known experimental conditions which permit optimal enzymatic activity. For example, assays for cellulose synthase activity are presented in WO 98/18949 and WO 98/00549.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An isolated nucleic acid fragment comprising at least 900 nucleotides, wherein the nucleic acid fragment encodes a cellulose synthase comprising a member selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) an isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding an amino acid sequence that is at least 90% identical to the amino acid sequence set forth in a member selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, 6, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22;
  - (b) an isolated nucleic acid fragment that is complementary to (a).
2. The isolated nucleic acid fragment of Claim 1 wherein nucleic acid fragment is a functional RNA.
3. The isolated nucleic acid fragment of Claim 1 wherein the nucleotide sequence of the fragment comprises the sequence set forth in a member selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, 5, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21.
4. A chimeric gene comprising the nucleic acid fragment of Claim 1 operably linked to suitable regulatory sequences.
5. A transformed host cell comprising the chimeric gene of Claim 4.
6. A cellulose synthase polypeptide comprising all or a substantial portion of the amino acid sequence set forth in a member selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2, 6, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22.
7. An isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding a cellulose synthase comprising a member selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) an isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding an amino acid sequence that is functionally active polypeptide and at least 80% identical to the amino acid sequence set forth in a member selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:4, 8 and 10 ;
  - (b) an isolated nucleic acid fragment that is complementary to (a).
8. The isolated nucleic acid fragment of Claim 7 wherein nucleic acid fragment is a functional RNA.
9. The isolated nucleic acid fragment of Claim 7 wherein the nucleotide sequence of the fragment comprises the sequence set forth in a member selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:3, 7 and 9.
10. A chimeric gene comprising the nucleic acid fragment of Claim 7 operably linked to suitable regulatory sequences.
11. A transformed host cell comprising the chimeric gene of Claim 10.

12. A cellulose synthase polypeptide comprising all or a substantial portion of the amino acid sequence set forth in a member selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:4, 8, 10.

13. A method of altering the level of expression of a cellulose synthase in a host cell comprising:

- (a) transforming a host cell with the chimeric gene of any of Claims 4 and 10; and
  - (b) growing the transformed host cell produced in step (a) under conditions that are suitable for expression of the chimeric gene
- 10 wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of altered levels of a cellulose synthase in the transformed host cell.

14. A method of obtaining a nucleic acid fragment encoding all or a substantial portion of the amino acid sequence encoding a cellulose synthase comprising:

- (a) probing a cDNA or genomic library with the nucleic acid fragment of any of Claims 1 and 7;
- (b) identifying a DNA clone that hybridizes with the nucleic acid fragment any of Claims 1 and 7;
- (c) isolating the DNA clone identified in step (b); and
- (d) sequencing the cDNA or genomic fragment that comprises the clone isolated in step (c)

20 wherein the sequenced nucleic acid fragment encodes all or a substantial portion of the amino acid sequence encoding a cellulose synthase.

15. A method of obtaining a nucleic acid fragment encoding a substantial portion of an amino acid sequence encoding a cellulose synthase comprising:

- (a) synthesizing an oligonucleotide primer corresponding to a portion of the sequence set forth in any of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21; and
- (b) amplifying a cDNA insert present in a cloning vector using the oligonucleotide primer of step (a) and a primer representing sequences of the cloning vector

30 wherein the amplified nucleic acid fragment encodes a substantial portion of an amino acid sequence encoding a cellulose synthase.

16. The product of the method of Claim 14.

17. The product of the method of Claim 15.

35 18. A method for evaluating at least one compound for its ability to inhibit the activity of a cellulose synthase, the method comprising the steps of:

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- (a) transforming a host cell with a chimeric gene comprising a nucleic acid fragment encoding a cellulose synthase, operably linked to suitable regulatory sequences;
- (b) growing the transformed host cell under conditions that are suitable for expression of the chimeric gene wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of the cellulose synthase encoded by the operably linked nucleic acid fragment in the transformed host cell;
- (c) optionally purifying the cellulose synthase expressed by the transformed host cell;
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- (d) treating the cellulose synthase with a compound to be tested; and
- (e) comparing the activity of the cellulose synthase that has been treated with a test compound to the activity of an untreated cellulose synthase, thereby selecting compounds with potential for inhibitory activity.

Figure 1

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SEQ ID NO:2 -----
SEQ ID NO:4 RAAQAQRNKGKQPPEEQKLASVSLP--LPHSRFIPFPFRRRYRRR---RTHACPG----I
SEQ ID NO:6 -----
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SEQ ID NO:10 -----
SEQ ID NO:12 RCS---RRWTCSSPPPTPTRSRSPRRT-----
SEQ ID NO:14 -----
SEQ ID NO:16 -----
SEQ ID NO:18 -----
SEQ ID NO:20 -----
SEQ ID NO:22 -----
SEQ ID NO:23 -----
SEQ ID NO:24 MNTGGR-----
SEQ ID NO:25 -----
SEQ ID NO:26 MASTPPQTSKKVRNNSGSGQTVKFARRTSSGRYVSLR-RDNIELSGELSGDYSNYTVHIP
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SEQ ID NO:28 -----
SEQ ID NO:29 R---PR-----

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SEQ ID NO:2 -----
SEQ ID NO:4 W-RSGSARG---ME-ASAGLVAGSHNRNELV-VIRRDGEPGPKP--MDQRNGQVCQI--
SEQ ID NO:6 -----
SEQ ID NO:8 RERDPAGRGGGPEME-ASAGLVAGSHNRNELV-VIRRDRESGAAGGAARRAEAPCQI--
SEQ ID NO:10 -----ME-ASAGLVAGSHNRNELV-VIRRDGDPGPKP--PREQNGQVCQI--
SEQ ID NO:12 -----C-----
SEQ ID NO:14 -----ME-ASAGLVAGSHNRNELV-VIHGHEEP--KA--LKNLDGQVCQI--
SEQ ID NO:16 -----
SEQ ID NO:18 -----
SEQ ID NO:20 -----
SEQ ID NO:22 -----
SEQ ID NO:23 -----ME-ASAGLVAGSYRRNELV-RIRHESDGGTKP--LKNMNGQICQI--
SEQ ID NO:24 -----LIAGSHNRNEFV-LI--NADESARIRSVQELSGQTCQI--
SEQ ID NO:25 -----
SEQ ID NO:26 PTPDNQPMATKAEEQYVNSLFTGGFNSVTRAHMDKVIDSDVTHPOMAGAKGSSCAMP
SEQ ID NO:27 -----ME-ASAGLVAGSHNRNELV-VIHNHEEP--KP--LKNLDGQFCQI--
SEQ ID NO:28 -----
SEQ ID NO:29 -----LIAGSHNRNEFV-LI--NADENARIRSVQELSGQTCQI--

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SEQ ID NO:2 -----
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SEQ ID NO:6 -----
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SEQ ID NO:10 CGDDVGLAPGGDPFVACNECAFPVCRDCYEYERREGTQNCPOCKTRYKRLKGCQRTVTD-
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SEQ ID NO:14 CGDGVGLTVDGLFVACNECGFPVCRPCYEYERREGSHLCPQCKTRYKRLKGSPRVEGDD
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SEQ ID NO:18 -----
SEQ ID NO:20 -----
SEQ ID NO:22 -----
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SEQ ID NO:2 ----- 240
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SEQ ID NO:16 -----
SEQ ID NO:18 -----
SEQ ID NO:20 -----
SEQ ID NO:22 -----
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SEQ ID NO:26 -----IGDLDD-----TPDYSSGALPLPAPG-----
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SEQ ID NO:29 EEEDDIDDLNEFEYGN---NGIGFDQVSEGMSISRRNSGFPQSDLSAPPG---SQIP

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SEQ ID NO:2 ----- 300
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SEQ ID NO:6 -----
SEQ ID NO:8 LLTNGQMVDIPPEQHALVPSYMSGGGGGKRIHPLPFADPNLPVQPRSMPSKD LAAYG
SEQ ID NO:10 LLTNGQMVDIPPEQHALVPSFM---GGGKRIHPLPYADPSLPVQPRSMPSKD LAAYG
SEQ ID NO:12 -----
SEQ ID NO:14 GRSR-----PVSGEFPISSNAYGDQMLSSSLHKRVHPYPVSEPGSARW-----DEKXDXG
SEQ ID NO:16 -----
SEQ ID NO:18 -----
SEQ ID NO:20 -----
SEQ ID NO:22 LLTNGQMVDIPPEQHALVPSYMSGGGGGKRIHPLPFADPNLPVQPRSMPSKD LAAYG
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SEQ ID NO:26 -----KDQRGNNNNMSMMKRNQNGEFDHNRWLF-----ETQGTYG
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SEQ ID NO:6 -----
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SEQ ID NO:10 YGSVAWKERMENWKQRQ-ERMHQTGNDGGGD-----DGDDADLPLM-DEARQPLSR
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SEQ ID NO:18 -----HE-----
SEQ ID NO:20 -----
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SEQ ID NO:27 -----WRERMDDWKLOHG-----NLGPEPDDDPENGLI-DEARQPLSR
SEQ ID NO:28 -----
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SEQ ID NO:10 KIPLSSQINPYRMIIIRLVVLGFFFHRYVMHPVNDALWLISVICEIWFAMSWILDQ
SEQ ID NO:12 -----
SEQ ID NO:14 KVPIASSKINPYRMVIVARLVILAFFLRYRLMNPVHDALGLWLTSIICEIWFASFWSILDQ
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SEQ ID NO:18 -----LHPVNDAYGLWLTSVICEIWFASFWSIMDQ
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SEQ ID NO:18 FPKWYPIQRETYLDRSLRYEKEGKPS-----ELSSVDVFFVSTVDPMKEPPLITANTVLS
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SEQ ID NO:29 FPKWYPIERETYLDRSLRYEKEGKPS-----GLSPVDVFFVSTVDPLKEPPLITANTVLS

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SEQ ID NO:25 -----KIDYLDKDKVHPSFVKERRAMKREYEEFKVRINALVAKAQ-----
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SEQ ID NO:10 -----KVPEEGWTMQDGTWPWG-----NNVRDHPGMIQVFL---
SEQ ID NO:12 -----RRGAADHDHAGVVQVLIDFA
SEQ ID NO:14 -----KVPQGGWIMQDGTWPWG-----NNTKDHPGMIQVFL---
SEQ ID NO:16 -----KMPEEGWTMQDGTWPWG-----NNPRDHPGMIQVFL---
SEQ ID NO:18 -----KVPEEGWTMQDGTWPWG-----NNVRDHPGMIQVFL---
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SEQ ID NO:22 -----KVPEEGWTMQDGSPWPG-----
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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**FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210**

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**1. Claims: 1-6,13-18 all partially**

Nucleic acid fragments encoding barley cellulose synthase, and corresponding polypeptide as represented by SEQ ID NOs:1 and 2, fragments encoding amino acid sequence 90% identical thereto, transformed hosts containing and methods for obtaining said sequences, methods for altering expression and methods for evaluating inhibitors using said sequences.

**2. Claims: 1-6,13-18 all partially and 7-12 all completely**

Nucleic acid fragments encoding corn cellulose synthase, and corresponding polypeptide as represented by SEQ ID NOs:3-10, fragments encoding amino acid sequence 90% identical thereto, transformed hosts containing and methods for obtaining said sequences, methods for altering expression and methods for evaluating inhibitors using said sequences.

**3. Claims: 1-6,13-18 all partially**

Nucleic acid fragments encoding rice cellulose synthase, and corresponding polypeptide as represented by SEQ ID NOs:11 and 12, fragments encoding amino acid sequence 90% identical thereto, transformed hosts containing and methods for obtaining said sequences, methods for altering expression and methods for evaluating inhibitors using said sequences.

**4. Claims: 1-6,13-18 all partially**

Nucleic acid fragments encoding soybean cellulose synthase, and corresponding polypeptide as represented by SEQ ID NOs:13-18, fragments encoding amino acid sequence 90% identical thereto, transformed hosts containing and methods for obtaining said sequences, methods for altering expression and methods for evaluating inhibitors using said sequences.

**5. Claims: 1-6,13-18 all partially**

Nucleic acid fragments encoding wheat cellulose synthase, and corresponding polypeptide as represented by SEQ ID NOs:19-22, fragments encoding amino acid sequence 90% identical thereto, transformed hosts containing and methods for obtaining said sequences, methods for altering expression and methods for evaluating inhibitors using said sequences.

**6. Claim : 18 partially**



**FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210**

Method for evaluating a compound for inhibitory activity on cellulose synthase comparing activity of cellulose synthase produced in a transformed host with and without the addition of the compound, not covered by any of the previous groups of claimed inventions 1-5.

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